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Policing the police: G20 probe ordered

Civil rights activists who demanded review vow to watch process closely ◐ Mark Calzavara of the Council of Canadians doubts independent review organized by the police services board will be unbiased or effective

An independent review of police actions during the G20 summit has been ordered by the Toronto police services board.

The decision was made at a public board meeting yesterday morning.

In a release, chairman Alok Mukherjee calls the civilian review the "most appropriate way forward."

The independent reviewer has not yet been named. The police services board says the reviewer may seek the input of any people or groups that have information relevant to the review.

The review comes after more than 900 people were arrested during G20 protests, which saw vandals smash windows and burn police cars. Many of those arrested claim they were unlawfully detained and that police used excessive force.

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World Cup. Dutch fans

▶ Mathijs van der Meer, 19, centre, from The Netherlands celebrates with Justin Praamsa, 36, in Liberty Village in Toronto after the Dutch scored the winning goal in their 3-2 victory over Uruguay in the World Cup semifinal yesterday. More coverage, pages 31, 32.

ROGER CULLMAN/FOR METRO TORONTO

Supporters savour Netherlands' march into final

Nuclear devices

Toronto man found guilty

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Heat wave! And that's official

Temperature above 32 C benchmark for third day {pages 4, 5}

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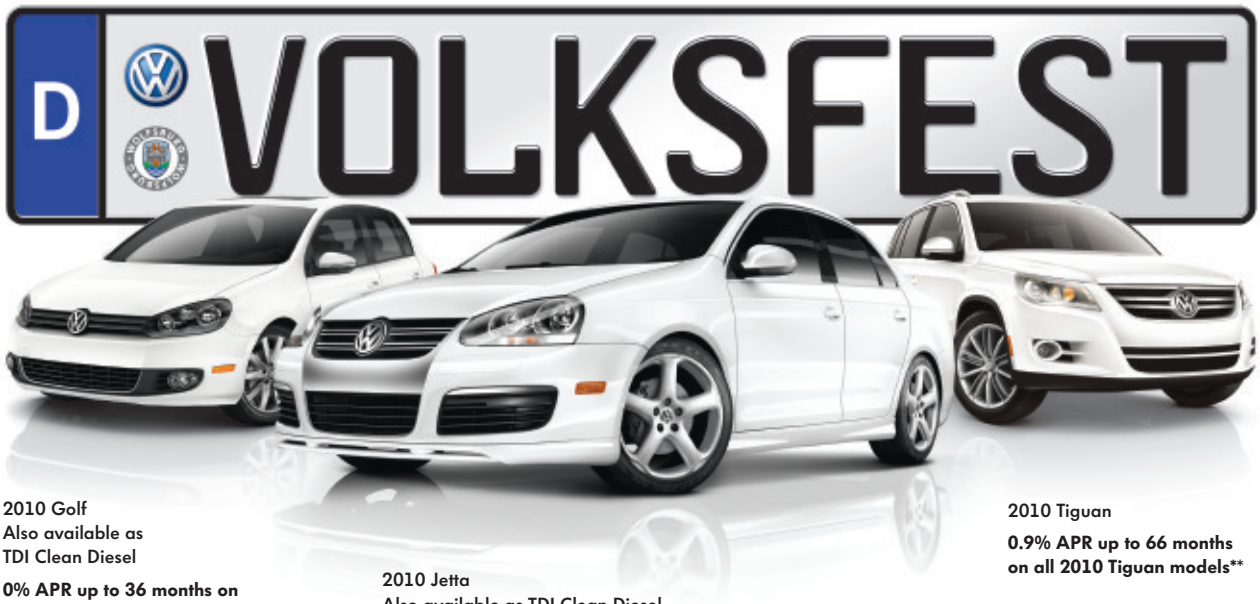

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Fighting cancer with wine

Wine importer Lifford Wine Agency will take the stage tomorrow from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. with its fourth annual Boys' Night Out event in support of Prostate Cancer Research. The event is moving to the newly opened, 96,000-square-foot Audi Downtown Toronto showroom.

Last year's event boasted incredible auction and raffle items that totaled more than $35,000 in value, contributing to the total of $51,000 that was raised for prostate cancer research.

This year, the goal is to raise $75,000, with silent and live auction items available.

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25,500

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian men. This year alone, roughly 25,500 men will be diagnosed.

Man arrested for subway assaults

A Toronto man has been charged with sexual offences police allege took place on subway trains.

Police say a man stood behind alleged victims and performed sexual acts while on subway trains during the rush hour.

It's alleged the offences have taken place since 2007.

Police say Dominic Eustace, 36, has been charged with three counts of sexual assault.

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Shriners. Dancing in the streets

▶ Kyle Cathcart, 81, of Muskoka Shrine dances with Kim Warren from Louisville Ky Kosair Shrine yesterday on a downtown street.

VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Heat doesn't faze Shriners

About 10,000 aging Shriners — decked out in their little red fez caps — took to the streets in the baking heat yesterday, shutting down University Avenue for their annual Imperial Parade. The Shriners run 22 hospitals across North America and spend an estimated $2.4 million a day on services.

Convicted of helping Iran

Local man found guilty of sending potential nuclear weapons components to Iran via his Toronto business

A Toronto man has been found guilty of trying to send devices to Iran that could be used to build nuclear weapons.

A judge yesterday convicted Mahmoud Yadegari of nine of the 10 charges he was facing — he was acquitted of one count of forgery.

He will be sentenced July 29.

Yadegari, 36, was arrested in April 2009 after a joint eight-week investigation by the RCMP and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Yadegari was also charged under the Criminal Code, the Customs Act and the Export and Import Permits Act, as well as provisions in Canada's Nuclear Safety and Control Act.

Some of the offences Yadegari was found guilty of carry maximum sentences of 10 years in prison and fines of $500,000.

The case has received international attention and even the notice of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

In February, Ahmadinejad proposed that Yadegari be included in a swap of Iranians in U.S. prisons for three American hikers being held in Tehran.

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Suspect purchase

- The Iranian-born businessman used his small company, operated out of his Toronto home, to try to export to Iran via Dubai two of 10 pressure transducers he purchased from a U.S. company.
- At a news conference following his arrest, police said Yadegari purchased the transducers from a Boston-area company for about $1,100 each. Police said the company alerted authorities.

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Dalai Lama to speak in T.O.

The Dalai Lama is coming back to Canada this fall.

The exiled Tibetan leader will speak at the Rogers Centre in Toronto and open a new Tibetan cultural centre in the city in October.

Namgyal Nangsetsang, a spokesperson for the Tibetan Canadian Cultural Centre, said yesterday they are expecting more than 30,000 people at the stadium to hear the Dalai Lama's address.

"He represents compassion and peace, in a non-judgmental way," she said.

"People can relate to him to because he speaks of spiritual development and humanitarian value in a broad sense, where it's not segregated."

The Dalai Lama is no stranger to Canada — Paul Martin became the first prime minister to meet with him in 2004.

In 2006 he was named an honorary citizen. One year later Stephen Harper drew criticism from the Chinese embassy when he met with the Dalai Lama in Ottawa. The Tibetan spiritual leader was on a multi-nation tour that included the United States, Europe and Australia. Last fall he visited Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver.

The Dalai Lama has lived in exile in India since staging an uprising against Chinese rule in Tibet in 1959. Chinese officials view the Nobel laureate as a political agitator and separatist.

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▶ The Dalai Lama

▶The smog and humidity are clearly visible from the Humber Bay Butterfly habitat around Park Lawn and Lakeshore where a woman walks the path. The hot, hazy and humid weather will continue through the week with a severe heat warning issued for Toronto as the temperatures remain in the mid-30s.

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Ontario still feels the burn

Province officially in a heat wave, as mercury rises above 32 C for third straight day Smog accompanying heat prompts warning from officials

Health officials offer three simple rules for beating the heat: Stay cool indoors, keep hydrated, take it easy on the physical activity.

With Central Canada expected to be blanketed by heat and smog for the rest of the week, people are being advised to find a nice cool place to chill out.

Temperatures for southern Ontario and Quebec are expected to remain in the low 30s but, with the humidity, it'll feel like the low 40s or hotter.

"Your body is normally 37 C and, with the exposure to the high temperatures, your thermal regulation system will try to cool down your body," said Dr. Luc Lefebvre, head of the emergency measures unit with the Montreal Public Health Authority.

"This is not just an American heat wave or a Canadian heat wave. It's really roasting the eastern half of the continent. It's probably more tropical than it is in the tropics."
DAVID PHILLIPS, ENVIRONMENT CANADA

"If it's not working, you're going to have symptoms."

Some of those symptoms could include headaches, vomiting and nausea. If body temperature rises further, the possible effects are confusion, co-ordination problems, loss of consciousness and even death.

Lefebvre said some groups are more at risk — notably seniors who often overdress and don't drink enough water.

Environment Canada's high heat and humidity warnings for southern Quebec yesterday came as advertised.

Montreal should officially follow suit with a heat wave declaration today, which is predicted to be the hottest day of the week.

In Toronto, authorities have opened up cooling centres for people needing a place to get out of the sun. Montreal officials may follow suit with buildings converted into cooldown stations.

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Province can handle power use: Officials

Hydro officials in Ontario say they expected higher-than-usual power consumption yesterday.

Power use in Ontario had already surpassed 21,000 megawatts by 10 a.m., nearing the expected peak of just under 25,000 MW. The province's Independent Electricity System Operator said Ontario would be able to handle the demand.

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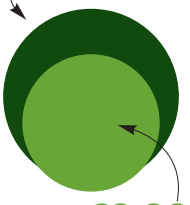

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God save the Queen — he means it, man

'You shine for us,' McGuinty says of monarch • Also renames an Ontario scholarship in Queen's honour

Dalton McGuinty has fallen under a royal spell.

The Ontario premier was at most of the Queen's public events over the past three days, and at times seemed practically beside himself with excitement.

At a send-off ceremony at the Ontario legislature yesterday, McGuinty couldn't contain his unabashed admiration for the Queen.

"Thank you for gracing us with your presence, for lifting our spirits, and for inspiring warmth and kindness in us all," he said.

"We have thoroughly enjoyed hosting you and we will fondly remember your visit for years to come."

Another speech the premier gave for the Queen was even more effusive in his love for the monarch.

"On behalf of 13 million Ontarians, thank you for sharing with us your grace, your warmth and your kindness," McGuinty beamed at the Queen during a luncheon he hosted Monday.

"You lift us up."

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▶ Queen Elizabeth II with Premier Dalton McGuinty.

Against protocol

When Research In Motion co-founder Mike Lazaridis presented the Queen with a BlackBerry outside their offices, Premier Dalton McGuinty took it out of her hands to show her something on it.

BRAZEN CRIME

Man killed in east-end car wash shooting

Police say a man is dead after being shot in broad daylight in the city's east end.

The shooting took place near a car wash near Midland and Lawrence avenues.

Reports say the victim was shot in the shoulder and later died in hospital.

Police say the homicide unit is investigating the incident but no arrests have been made.

Officers were called to the scene after the shooting at about 1 p.m. yesterday.

Police say a suspect was seen running from the car wash — he's considered to be armed and dangerous.

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Sally Ann campaign nets $2.7M

The Salvation Army says it raised $2.7 million during its annual National Red Shield fundraising campaign held in May each year.

The 2010 results represent a nine per cent increase over 2009, when the campaign pulled in $2.47 million. This year's goal was $2.75 million.

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Thinking Outside the Cage

There's no easy solution for animal overpopulation—so Toronto Animal Services (TAS) is open to all good ideas. One of the best, says TAS Supervisor Mary Lou Leiher, is a current partnership with pet supply stores; a program that helps find lifelong loving homes for this city's enormous number of homeless cats.

"No matter how many would-be cat owners visit our shelters, too many animals remain with us," Mary Lou explains. "This is one way to help the cats, and it benefits retailers, too." The program allows store-owners to 'host' shelter-owned cats at their business sites, where the animals can be displayed in safety and comfort while attracting attention from passersby. Business picks up for the retailers, and patrons are reminded of the many cats TAS has waiting for adoption.

Good networking benefits dogs, too. While demand for adoptable dogs in Toronto usually exceeds supply, Montreal has the opposite problem, so TAS has also partnered with Montreal's SPCA to move healthy canines here. These animals would face euthanasia otherwise. It's a win-win situation for everyone, especially the dogs!

Through innovative partnerships like these, TAS is giving thousands of animals a chance to find good homes. Maybe their next great idea could be yours? For more information on adopting a pet visit *www.toronto.ca/animalservices*.

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▶Jaffer has described Minister of Natural Resources Christian Paradis, pictured, as a friend, and told the same committee that because of his previous role as Conservative caucus chair he knew the minister's family "quite well."

Ethics watchdog eyes minister's ties to Jaffer

Documents show natural resources minister set up meeting for Jaffer, business partner over power project

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▶ Rahim Jaffer

Parliament's ethics watchdog will examine a cabinet minister's dealings with Rahim Jaffer, despite the Conservative government's herculean efforts to distance itself from the former Tory MP.

Mary Dawson, the ethics commissioner, will look into whether Christian Paradis improperly used his position at the time as public works minister to help out Jaffer.

Jaffer called Paradis on the minister's cellphone last August, asking him to go for beers and telling him about a project he was working on through his company, Green Power Generation, to install solar panels on federal buildings. Paradis arranged for his parliamentary affairs director, Sebastien Togneri, to deal with Jaffer.

Documents tabled with a House of Commons committee show that civil servants were asked to speed the process of meeting with Jaffer and business partner Patrick Glemaud.

Five bureaucrats and one of Paradis' staffers met with Glemaud in October 2009. The project never received money from the department.

Jaffer and Glemaud are facing an investigation by the lobbying commissioner over related allegations they were approaching officials without first registering their activities. They have both denied they were engaged in any improper lobbying.

Paradis maintains there was nothing wrong with the way he handled his contact with Jaffer.

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KIDS GO WANDERING

Two boys brought home by police

Hamilton police had a couple of wandering boy cases on their hands yesterday morning.

Police say a man forgot to set a security alarm when he left for work and his five-year-old son got out of the apartment.

The boy was spotted by a man walking a dog in a park but the youngster, who has autism, could not communicate with police.

When his mother woke up and noticed the boy missing, she called police and the two were reunited.

In the second incident, a two-year-old boy got out of the house through an unlocked door. His mother came for the boy as police prepared to knock on doors.

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Colon cancer checks on the rise: Officials

More older Americans are getting tested for colon cancer, with nearly two out of three getting recommended screenings.

Meanwhile, rates for breast cancer screening remain stuck on a higher plateau, according to a U.S. government report.

U.S. health officials estimate that at least 10,000 lives could be saved each year if more people got checked. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINNIPEG

Abuse charges at school

A sexual assault scandal at a Winnipeg boarding school has grown to include 16 alleged victims and 82 charges.

It's alleged that senior students threatened younger ones at St. John's-Ravenscourt School, holding them down and placing a wood stick against their buttocks.

Originally, four students were charged in April with threatening, confining and sexually assaulting one younger student. Now, more charges have been laid against the same four accused, involving more students. The allegations shocked people at the exclusive private school. Headmaster Stephen Johnson says the school has hired an outside consultant to find ways to improve security.

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Obama, Netanyahu show united front

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▶ Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meets with U.S. President Barack Obama at the White House yesterday.

Leaders meet for working lunch
Israeli PM says ready to negotiate

U.S. President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sought to warm rocky relations yesterday, declaring after a White House meeting that any talk of a rift is unfounded. Obama said the U.S.-Israeli bond is unbreakable.

"The United States is committed to Israel's security," Obama said as the two leaders addressed reporters in the Oval Office. "We are committed to that special bond. And we are going to do what's required to back that up, not just with words, but with actions."

For the Israeli leader's part, Netanyahu said of solving years of strife with Palestinians: "We're committed to that peace. I'm committed to that peace." And he said that reports of the demise of the U.S.-Israeli relationship are "flat wrong."

Netanyahu said without elaborating that he and Obama discussed specific steps that could be taken in the coming weeks to move the peace process forward.

"When I say the next few weeks, that's what I mean," he said. "The president means that, too."

Netanyahu and Obama talked in the Oval Office as protesters gathered across the street in Lafayette Park and chanted "No More Aid, End the Blockade," referring to Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip.

The meeting between Obama and Netanyahu was their first since a troubled White House get-together March 23.

That session was frosty, coming three weeks after Israel embarrassed Vice-President Joe Biden by announcing plans for new construction in east Jerusalem during his visit. The Palestinians expect east Jerusalem to be the capital of their eventual independent state.

Yesterday's session was much friendlier than the one in March, when the White House kept Netanyahu out of sight of media coverage.

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Refusal

- The Palestinians have refused to sit down with Netanyahu until he agrees to freeze construction in areas they want for an independent state. Israel recently said it has no intention of doing that.

Canadian job growth slowing

Analysts believe Canada's jobs boom may be at an end.

With almost all economic indicators trending downwards in the last couple of months, it seems the most important one of all — how many jobs the economy is churning out — was impervious to natural forces.

May's disappointing 25,000 gain was only judged as such because April saw a whopping 109,000 jobs added to the rolls. But now economists surveyed expect even Canada's labour market will take a breather when Statistics Canada announces its jobs report for June Friday. And if not this month, then next. The consensus is for a 15,000 growth in the number of jobs added to the economy, which would be the lowest since December. Some economists wouldn't be surprised if the economy actually sheds jobs in June.

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Per cent drop in value of building permits across Canada in May, fresh evidence the soaring economic growth of late 2009 and early 2010 is starting to slow.

The most noticeable indication of a braking economy was that April's gross domestic product saw no gain from the month before. That followed increases of 0.6 per cent in March and 0.5 per cent in February.

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UN troops in Iraq?

The top American military commander in Iraq said yesterday that UN peacekeeping forces may be needed if tensions between Kurds and Arabs haven't eased by the time U.S. troops

leave. U.S. Army Gen. Ray Odierno, left, said peacekeepers may be one option if Kurdish soldiers haven't integrated into the Arab-dominated Iraqi army.

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Priest charged in theft of $1.3M from church

Former pastor from Connecticut was recently suspended Latest scandal for Catholic church

A Roman Catholic priest was charged yesterday with stealing $1.3 million US in church money over seven years to use for male escorts, expensive clothing and luxury hotels and restaurants.

The Rev. Kevin J. Gray, former pastor at Sacred Heart/Sagrado Corazon Parish in Waterbury, Conn., was arrested and charged with first-degree larceny, police said. Arraignment was expected yesterday.

Gray, 64, used the money to stay at such hotels as the Waldorf-Astoria in New York and on expensive clothing labels including Armani suits, said Capt. Christopher Corbett. He also paid the college tuition and rent of two men he had met, Corbett said.

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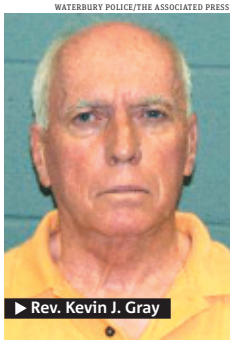

▶ Rev. Kevin J. Gray

Telephone messages were left at Sacred Heart and at the office of Gray's public defender.

"We are deeply saddened by the events which have recently had such a profound affect on Sacred Heart/Sagrado Corazon parish," the Archdiocese of Hartford said in a statement.

The archdiocese last month asked police to investigate after it discovered irregularities.

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Spain. Fiesta

▶ A reveler jumps from the Plaza de la Navarreria fountain during the first day of the San Fermin Fiestas yesterday in Pamplona, Spain.

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Debris kills driver on highway

A woman is dead after a chunk of metal crashed through the windshield of her vehicle while driving on a busy Calgary road. The accident happened Monday as she was driving on the Trans-Canada Highway.

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Nine N.S. jail staff disciplined

A review of a prisoner's suicide at a Nova Scotia prison last spring has led to disciplinary action against nine employees, a spokeswoman for the provincial Department of Justice confirmed yesterday.

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Chapmans plans reopening

Chapmans Ice Cream plans to open its new plant on the one-year anniversary of a fire that destroyed the old facility in Markdale. Owner Penny Chapman says they are shooting for a Sept. 4 grand opening.

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▶ Ahmad Wali Karzai — head of the Kandahar provincial council and younger half-brother of President Hamid Karzai — is shown in Kandahar, Afghanistan, yesterday.

‘Don’t leave us alone’

Half-brother of Afghan president claims insurgents continue to enter Afghanistan at steady pace ◐ Canadian mission set to end in July 2011

The younger half-brother of Afghan President Hamid Karzai is calling on Canada and other NATO forces to delay leaving the country until the job is done.

Ahmad Wali Karzai, head of the Kandahar provincial council, said yesterday he is disappointed that Canada and the United States have set deadlines for leaving Afghanistan.

“What we are fighting is not only the enemy of Afghanistan. This is the enemy of the world. This is the enemy of every human being so don’t leave us alone,” Karzai said.

“You cannot leave in the middle and say, ‘I’m packing it in.’”

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Australia proposes asylum hub in East Timor

Australia’s new leader proposed yesterday that East Timor become a UN-approved processing hub for asylum seekers as a way to stem a recent influx of boat people from Afghanistan and other countries in Asia.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard pitched the idea as a regional solution to part of a global problem, but it was squarely aimed at defusing a thorny domestic political issue ahead of elections expected within months.

Tiny, impoverished East Timor said it was considering the plan at Australia’s request, but expressed reservations that it was ready to host such a facility.

Australia receives a tiny proportion of the world’s asylum seekers, but a regular trickle of rickety boats intercepted on their way from Indonesia — some 150 boats in the past three years carrying 4,000 mostly Afghans and Sri Lankans — has driven a political debate about border security.

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190K

The number of people Australia adds to its 22-million-strong population each year through various migration programs.

3 killed in Kashmir violence

Government forces fired on hundreds of rock-throwing protesters in Indian Kashmir yesterday, killing two men as authorities re-imposed a curfew in the region’s main city, locals and officials said. A woman was also killed in the clashes.

Protests against Indian rule in the Himalayan region have grown increasingly strident in recent weeks with Kashmiri people accusing government forces of killing at least 15 people during street demonstrations. The recent unrest had prompted authorities to impose a curfew in most parts of Kashmir for a week.

It was lifted yesterday except for in one southern town until the latest clashes in the main city of Srinagar prompted authorities to enforce it there again.

Kashmir is divided between Hindu-majority India and Muslim-majority Pakistan and is claimed by both. Separatist politicians and armed militants in Kashmir reject Indian sovereignty.

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India. Jet

▶ Indian Defence Minister A.K. Antony.

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India rolls out homegrown naval aircraft

Indian Defence Minister A.K. Antony waves from the cockpit of India’s first indigenous naval Light Combat Aircraft LCA (Navy) NP1 during its roll-out ceremony yesterday in Bangalore, India.

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▶ Workers shovel and bag sand oiled by April's Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion and spill on a beach in Grand Isle, La. yesterday.

Texas gets first taste of tar balls on Gulf beaches

Oil still on the move Texas vows BP will pay for bucketful of tar balls Storms delaying cleanup

More than two months after oil from BP's blown-out seafloor well first reached shore in Louisiana, a bucket's worth of tar balls that washed onto a pair of Texas beaches means the crude has arrived in all five U.S. states on the Gulf of Mexico.

Oil is still on the move, but the fleet of skimmers tapped to clean the worst-hit areas of the Gulf of Mexico is not. A string of storms has made the water too choppy for the boats to operate for more than a week off Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, even though the gusher continues.

89M

The amount of oil-fouled water in litres that has been scooped up so far by skimmers in the Gulf of Mexico.

The number of tar balls discovered in Texas is tiny compared to what has coated beaches in other Gulf states. Still, it provoked the quick dispatch of cleaning crews and a vow that BP PLC will pay for the trouble.

"Any Texas shores impacted by the Deepwater spill will be cleaned up quickly and BP will be picking up the tab," Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said in a news release.

The British oil giant was operating the drilling rig Deepwater Horizon when it exploded April 20, killing 11 workers and starting the worst oil spill in the Gulf's history.

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IMMIGRATION

New law in Arizona challenged

The U.S. Justice Department is filing a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Arizona's new law targeting illegal immigrants, setting the stage for a clash between the federal government and the border state over the country's toughest immigration crackdown.

The planned lawsuit was confirmed by a Justice Department official with knowledge of the plans.

The official didn't want to be identified before a public announcement planned by Attorney General Eric Holder and Homeland Security secretary Janet Napolitano, a former governor of Arizona, which borders Mexico. The state law requires officers, while enforcing other laws, to question a person's immigration status if there's a reasonable suspicion that they are in the country illegally.

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Harper announces scholarship

Stephen Harper dropped in on famed cosmologist Stephen Hawking bearing scholarly gifts, a new post-doctoral scholarship for Canada. The prime minister announced 70 fellowships a year will be awarded, with a total value of $45 million over five years. "We must invest in the people and ideas that will produce tomorrow's breakthroughs," Harper said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indigo changes track as readers turn to ebooks

More toys, gifts, lifestyle products in stores Hopes Kobo e-reader counters competition from iPad, Kindle

KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Heather Reisman with the Kobo e-reader.

Book lovers should expect to see more toys, teapots and trinkets in Indigo Books and Music as the company diversifies its in-store product mix to adapt to a growing trend towards downloadable electronic books.

Indigo, which operates shops primarily under the Indigo, Chapters and Coles banners, is planning a transformation that will see it operate as "the world's first cultural department store," CEO Heather Reisman told the company's annual meeting yesterday.

Reisman said she believes there will always be customers who prefer bricks-and-mortar stores to online ordering or reading in digital format. Though Indigo itself has moved to tap into the digital market with the recent launch of its Kobo e-reader, Reisman said many customers still crave a tangible, human experience. "Traffic in our stores is actually increasing," she said after the company outlined its three-year growth strategy to shareholders.

The company is also targeting a younger demographic to fuel growth as it ramps up its toy and childrens' division. It has already expanded baby shops and full toy lines in 30 stores and by the end of 2011 expects most of its large stores to carry full toy lines. As some readers go digital, Indigo plans to diversify product selection, especially in children's toys, gifts and lifestyle products.

Meanwhile, Reisman said she is not threatened by an expanded Canadian presence of its larger online rival Amazon.com, after the federal government decided it would allow the U.S. firm to erect a warehouse in the country.

She said her company has an advantage because it is better diversified with both a bricks-and-mortar and an online presence.

Indigo has developed a sister company, Kobo, to establish an international digital presence with the $149 Kobo e-reader as a more moderately priced competitor to products like Amazon's Kindle and Apple's new iPad.

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Italy. Raining coins

▶ A highway worker sweeps up euro coins after a truck carrying some €2 million ($2.6 million) in coins overturned Monday in Foggia, Italy.

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Italy's highway of euros

Money trouble of a different kind brought an Italian highway to a halt Monday when a truck carrying some €2 million ($2.6 million) in €1 and €2 coins from the mint to local banks overturned in Foggia, southern Italy, spilling its contents. Police said yesterday motorists made off with at least €10,000 ($13,275) before police arrived.

Market moment

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U.S. miner takes over Spider

Spider Resources says a friendly takeover by a large U.S. miner will provide the expertise and cash necessary to help develop a lucrative chromite deposit in northern Ontario's promising Ring of Fire mineral zone.

"They want to be a fully-integrated company, from the mining right through the production of stainless steel and they have that ability," CEO Neil Novak said after the junior miner approved an all-cash friendly bid from Cliffs Natural Resources Inc., an Ohio-based iron and coal producer.

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Quebec to lower prices on drugs

- Pharmacies unhappy over plan that would save health-care dollars
- Want help from government

Pharmacy chain Jean Coutu Group Inc. said yesterday it expects the Quebec government to come up with measures to help it cope with a government move to drop the prices on generic drugs.

"The Jean Coutu Group strongly believes that offsetting measures need to be adopted to assist market participants with the transition to lower generic drug prices," president and CEO Francois Coutu told a conference call.

The Quebec government recently announced it expects to save $164 million a year from lower prices on generic drugs.

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Drug rules

Quebec has followed Ontario's lead in cutting the price of generic drugs:

- **Lowest price** Quebec's drug policy requires the province to offer the lowest price in Canada.
- **Following Ontario** Ontario decided last month, after a highly public battle with Shoppers Drug Mart, that generic drug prices will be 25 per cent of the price of patented drugs, down from 50 per cent.
- **Government help?** Quebec has so far not disclosed possible offsets for the makers and sellers of generic drugs.

Autos. Toyota

▶ Japan likes "green" vehicles.

AP PHOTO/ITSUO INOUYE

Prius tops in Japan

Toyota's Prius hybrid ranked as Japan's top-selling car in June, clinching the No. 1 spot for the 14th straight month on brisk demand for green vehicles, says the Japan Automobile Dealers Association.

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THE END IS NIGH. NOW PASS THE MUSTARD

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

Greed is not good.

Look where it gets us. Not to sound like an Old Testament prophet, but unless we change our ways — and soon — the end is near.

If you don't believe me — there's a respected Wall Street technical analyst who has read the signs and warns the Dow Jones Industrial Average is about to shrink below 1,000, or 9,000 points less than it is today.

At the same time, wildlife is coughing up tarballs from Galveston to Sarasota, and the Arctic is melting.

The signs aren't good.

Nonetheless, wretched excess is alive and well, and if recent events indicate, it recognizes no class boundaries. In short, there is no class.

The Queen, for example, spent the weekend at places and events with her name on them: The Queen's Plate and Queen's Park, wearing a couple of selections from the Royal Hat Collection. She has 500 hats. I can understand one for the sun, one for the rain and one for the cold, but 500? At a time when the U.K. is suffering through the longest recession in its history (and that's some history), the Queen's hat budget needs to be trimmed. She should endure the same cuts as the rest of the government, 25 per cent across the board, requiring her to take 125 hats to the Goodwill. Off with her hats!

"My point is simple: No one gets it. From the highest to the lowest, we're cruisin' for a correction."

The ruling class is not alone in its unclassy behaviour. Wretched excess is alive and well at the trailer park end of the spectrum, too. How else to explain the annual spectacle of Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest, held every July 4, a great American tradition? This year's winner, for the fourth year running, was Joey (Jaws) Chestnut, who managed to choke down 54 dogs in 10 minutes. It was not a pretty sight — but that did not deter thousands of people from turning up to watch in 40 degree heat.

Jaws was disappointed: He was reaching for a record 70 dogs in the allotted 10 minutes. Last year, in more temperate conditions, he downed 68. His arch rival, the world's No. 3 ranked glutton, Takeru Kobayashi, who sat out this year's contest due to a contract dispute with Major League Eating, crashed the stage and threatened to give the crowd a free demonstration of virtuoso hotdog eating.

The NYPD carted Kobi off to jail and Jaws took the Mustard Belt home for another year. I am not making this up.

My point is simple: No one gets it. From the highest to the lowest, we're cruisin' for a correction.

Meanwhile, pass the mustard.

Cartoon

Noteworthy

Octopus predicts Spanish victory

The eight-legged oracle has spoken: Paul the octopus says Spain will sink Germany in their World Cup semifinal. The floppy soccer fan from Oberhausen's Sea Life Aquarium chose a mussel from a glass tank marked with a Spanish flag yesterday and ignored a tank emblazoned with Germany's colours, spokesman Daniel Fey said.

Amid intense anticipation of today's game, the eight-legged expert's pick was carried live by two national all-news television stations.

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MPs and their side jobs

Letters & Tweets

We asked: Should MPs be allowed to moonlight?

TORONTO. Yes, MPs should be allowed to have their own business. But if they have a business or other job and are also an MP, they should only be paid a part-time salary.

If they have other interests besides serving the public let their wage also reflect their split interests. That's how we will get this economy back on the right track. Stop gouging the public (i.e., HST).

JAMES BROWN

We asked: Who will win the World Cup?

EDMONTON. This World Cup is already determined by the numbers:

1. Brazil won the World Cup in 1994; before that it also won in 1970. Adding 1970 + 1994 = 3,964.

2. Argentina won its last World Cup in 1986; it also won in 1978. Adding 1978 + 1986 = 3,964.

3. Germany won its last World Cup in 1990; it also won in 1974. Adding 1974 + 1990 = 3,964.

4. Therefore, if you want to know what nation is going to win the World Cup in 2010, you only have to subtract 2010 from the magic number we have determined: 3,964. 3,964 minus 2010 = 1954.

In 1954, the World Cup was won by Germany. Probably not scientific, but pretty interesting.

SHARAN PAL SANDHU

Speaking out

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▶ Noomi Rapace stars as Lisbeth Salander in The Girl Who Played With Fire.

Sexy, smart Swede heats up the screen

The second installment of the popular Millenium Trilogy novels The Girl Who Played With Fire hits theatres ◐ Series a global phenomenon

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Who could have forseen that a series of posthumously published Swedish mystery thrillers centered around a borderline insane, kickboxing, bisexual, computer-hacking super genius street punk running around Stockholm solving sex crimes would become one of the biggest literary and cinematic franchises of the decade?

But the late Stieg Larrsson's Millennium Trilogy and their juggernaut film adaptations have accomplished just such a feat. Scandinavian entertainments that Americans are going gaga for in all their media incarnations.

This week, the middle chapter of the series, The Girl Who Played With Fire opens in select North American cities. And, although there's a new director on board for both this installment, the film's central character Lisbeth Salander (Noomi Rapace) remains one of the silver screens most arresting female presences.

"Lisbeth is a magnificent creature," says Fire director Daniel Alfredson.

"She's both human and superhuman. She does things we wish we could do at the worst of times but she's also vulnerable."

Fire sees Lisbeth back in action a year after the events of the first film. Reporter Mikael Blomkvist (Michael Nyqvist) still pines for his former lover and partner, and — when she's framed for a rash of murders — it's up to Blomkvist to rescue his damsel. Though, with her lethal abilities, she does a good job fending for herself.

Background

- **Millennium Trilogy** author Stieg Larsson never lived to see his work reach the screen, or even published for that matter. He died of a heart attack soon after submitting his manuscripts.
- **The film version** of The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo remains the highest grossing Swedish film of all time, and an American remake — with Seven director David Fincher attached — has been announced.

2 scene

The connection

Rumours abound about who will take on the lead roles in the Hollywood version of the Girl with the Dragon Tattoo. Brad Pitt and Daniel Craig are among the names mentioned to play investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist.

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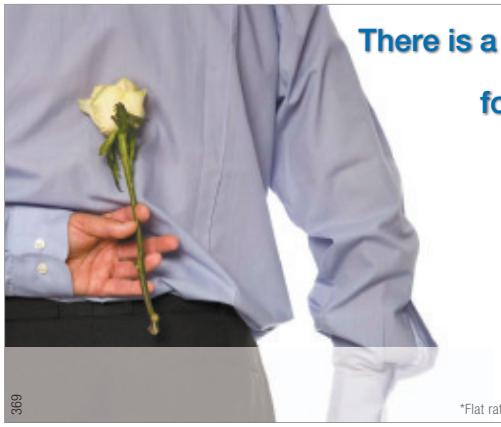

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TV watch list

Red carpet ready

DOWDY TO DIVA: Former Citytv entertainment reporter Liz West hosts the new series Rags to Red Carpet on Cosmo, which gives Hollywood-worthy makeovers to unsuspecting women. As with the American series What Not to Wear, the subjects are convinced to participate after seeing undercover video of themselves walking the streets in dowdy duds.
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Notes from the nannies

A HOT DOC: The documentary series Currents is airing The Nanny Business on Global, about Filipino caregivers in Canada who allege to be victims of fraud, exploitation and abuse.
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Two sides to award

Canada's coveted indie music award, the Polaris Music Prize, brings winners both fame and scrutiny This year's shortlist has mix of genres and artists from across the country

▶Nominated for this year's coveted indie music award Polaris Music Prize are Owen Pallett (left) and rapper Shad (right).

Former Polaris Music Prize winner and 2010 finalist Owen Pallett has a tongue-in-cheek warning for the other nine acts competing for this year's award.

On Sept. 20, when the winner is announced and awarded $20,000, attendees will roar with approval.

Shortly thereafter, the sniping will begin from the indie music world's more jaded and fickle fans.

"I joke that the day they win (their album) is going to be the best record in Canada — and the day after it's the most overrated record in Canada," said Pallett with a laugh.

He would know. He won the Polaris in 2006 — the award's inaugural year — for the album He Poos Clouds, when he still went by the stage name Final Fantasy.

Another finalist, London-based rapper Shad, now a two-time finalist, said he was surprised to have made the final cut, especially since — rightly or wrongly — the award is considered by some to favour indie rock bands.

"In the context of Canadian hip hop, it makes me feel like I'm a part of all the great things that are happening in Canadian hip hop right now, which is a great feeling," he said.

The Polaris is awarded by a jury of almost 200 Canadian music journalists, bloggers and broadcasters to the best Canadian full-length album of the year, based strictly on artistic merit.

The award selections have frequently been controversial, as established names like Arcade Fire, Broken Social Scene and Metric have been passed over for more obscure choices like Caribou and Patrick Watson.

Polaris founder Steve Jordan called this year's shortlist "balanced" — a mix of new and repeat nominees that spans several genres and includes artists from across Canada.

Forty albums made a long list of contenders before they were whittled down to 10 on Tuesday.

2010 Nominees

Some of this year's artists include:

- **Toronto bands** Broken Social Scene and the Sadies
- **Montreal rockers** The Besnard Lakes

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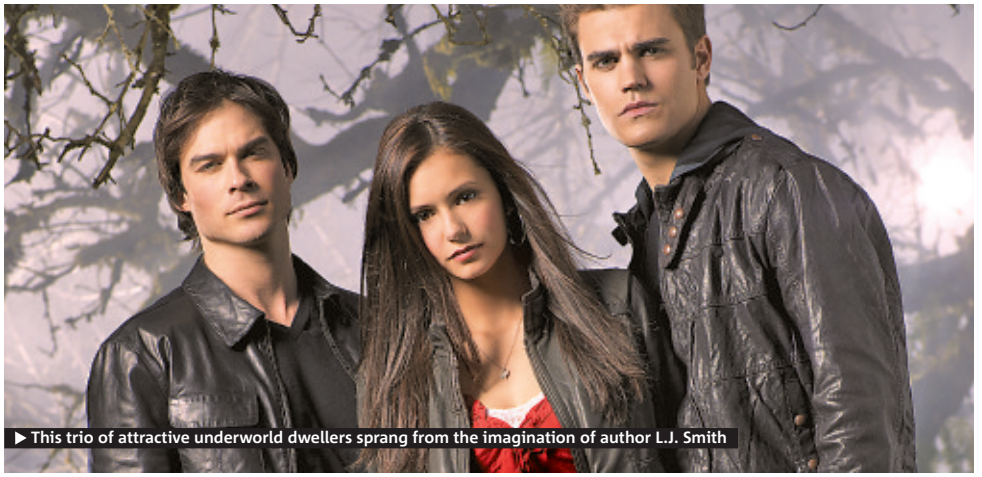

▶ This trio of attractive underworld dwellers sprang from the imagination of author L.J. Smith

Vampire books pack serious bite

Vampire Diaries author L.J. Smith explains what makes her vampires different ◐ Fanged ones have become more 'romantic' over time

MARIE MORIZOT
METRO WORLD NEWS

The world's current fascination with all things vampire is good news for Californian author L.J. Smith, whose gothic output includes The Vampire Diaries and the Night World series of novels.

Where do you draw inspiration from ?
I'm not sure where I find inspiration for my characters, especially my bad boys. Maybe they come from a part of my unconscious. I love bad boys best and Gabriel is a prime example. I wanted to do a vampire that didn't suck blood, but took energy directly. He was fun to write.

"I think that over time vampires have become romanticized."
L.J. SMITH, AUTHOR

Have vampires changed over time?
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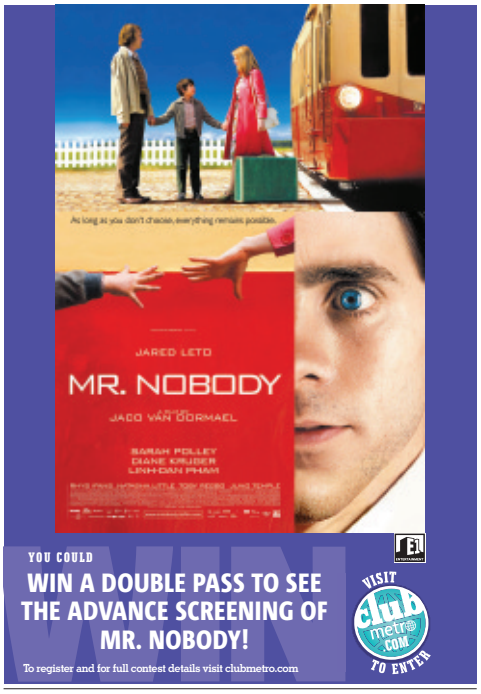

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Best of the Fest	8:30 PM	Absolute Comedy
Mike Birbiglia	9:30 PM	Berkeley Street Theatre

TOMORROW! THURS JULY 8

Stephen Harper: The Musical	6:00 PM	The Second City
ALT Comedy	7:00 PM	Winter Garden Theatre
Elon Gold	7:00 PM	Berkeley Street Theatre
Gala hosted by Wayne Brady	7:00 PM	Massey Hall
Michael Mittermeier	7:00 PM	Berkeley Street Theatre
The Nasty Show	7:00 PM	Panasonic Theatre
Tommy Tiernan	7:00 PM	Jane Mallett Theatre
Daniel Packard	7:30 PM	The Comedy Bar
Double Threat	8:00 PM	Mark Breslin's Yuk Yuk's
Heavyweight	8:00 PM	The Rivoli
Second City for Mayor	8:00 PM	The Second City
Best of the Fest	8:30 PM	Absolute Comedy
ALT Comedy	9:30 PM	Winter Garden Theatre
Gala hosted by Demetri Martin	9:30 PM	Massey Hall
Mike Birbiglia	9:30 PM	Berkeley Street Theatre
The Nasty Show	9:30 PM	Panasonic Theatre
Noel Fielding	10:30 PM	The Comedy Bar
Bo Burnham & Tim Minchin	11:00 PM	The Second City

FRI JULY 9

Aziz Ansari	7:00 PM	Winter Garden Theatre
Gala hosted by Russell Peters	7:00 PM	Massey Hall
Michael Mittermeier	7:00 PM	Berkeley Street Theatre
Mike Birbiglia	7:00 PM	Berkeley Street Theatre
Second City for Mayor	7:00 PM	The Second City
The Ethnic Show	7:00 PM	Richmond Hill Centre
The Nasty Show	7:00 PM	Panasonic Theatre
Tommy Tiernan	7:00 PM	Jane Mallett Theatre
Daniel Packard	7:30 PM	The Comedy Bar
The Chinese Comedy & Variety Show	7:30 PM	Queen Elizabeth Theatre
Double Threat	8:00 PM	Mark Breslin's Yuk Yuk's
Heavyweight	8:00 PM	The Rivoli

FRI JULY 9 (CONT'D)

Homegrown Comics	8:00 PM	Absolute Comedy
Bo Burnham & Tim Minchin	9:00 PM	The Second City
Aziz Ansari	9:30 PM	Winter Garden Theatre
Gala hosted by Russell Peters	9:30 PM	Massey Hall
Mike Birbiglia	9:30 PM	Berkeley Street Theatre
The Ethnic Show	9:30 PM	Richmond Hill Centre
Double Threat	10:30 PM	Mark Breslin's Yuk Yuk's
Noel Fielding	10:30 PM	The Comedy Bar
Best of the Fest	10:45 PM	Absolute Comedy
Fever |: A Burlesque Show	11:00 PM	The Second City

SAT JULY 10

Stephen Harper: The Musical	6:00 PM	The Second City
Gala hosted by Brad Garrett	7:00 PM	Massey Hall
Michael Mittermeier	7:00 PM	Berkeley Street Theatre
Mike Birbiglia	7:00 PM	Berkeley Street Theatre
The Ethnic Show	7:00 PM	Richmond Hill Centre
The Relationship Show	7:00 PM	Winter Garden Theatre
Tommy Tiernan	7:00 PM	Jane Mallett Theatre
Daniel Packard	7:30 PM	The Comedy Bar
The Chinese Comedy & Variety Show	7:30 PM	Queen Elizabeth Theatre
Uptown Comics	7:30 PM	Panasonic Theatre
Young@Heart	7:30 PM	Roy Thomson Hall
Best of the Fest	8:00 PM	Absolute Comedy
Double Threat	8:00 PM	Mark Breslin's Yuk Yuk's
Heavyweight	8:00 PM	The Rivoli
Second City for Mayor	8:00 PM	The Second City
Gala hosted by Louis C.K.	9:30 PM	Massey Hall
The Ethnic Show	9:30 PM	Richmond Hill Centre
The Relationship Show	9:30 PM	Winter Garden Theatre
Uptown Comics	10:00 PM	Panasonic Theatre
Double Threat	10:30 PM	Mark Breslin's Yuk Yuk's
Elon Gold	10:30 PM	Berkeley Street Theatre
Noel Fielding	10:30 PM	The Comedy Bar
Best of the Fest	10:45 PM	Absolute Comedy
Bo Burnham & Tim Minchin	11:00 PM	The Second City

SUN JULY 11

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▶ Actress Lindsay Lohan was in a Beverly Hills courthouse yesterday for a probation hearing in in relation to her 2007 guilty plea to drunk and alcohol charges.

Judge gives Lohan 90 days in jail for violating probation

Actress immediately burst into tears after the sentencing Star's father, younger sister attend court

A judge is sending Lindsay Lohan to jail for 90 days after ruling she violated probation in a 2007 drug case by failing to attend court-ordered alcohol education classes.

She was not required to immediately surrender but will have to turn herself in on July 20.

She will also be required to enter an in-patient rehab program after her release from jail.

The ruling came during a hearing set for the Mean Girls" star after she missed a court date in May. She has been required to wear an ankle alcohol monitor since then.

Weeks later, the monitor issued an alert after Lohan attended the MTV Movie Awards and after-parties. Prosecutors called it an "alcohol-related" violation.

Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel said during the ongoing hearing that the device showed Lohan's blood-alcohol content was 0.03.

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Background

Lindsay Lohan spent 84 minutes in jail in 2007 after she pleaded guilty to two counts of being under the influence of cocaine and no contest to two counts of driving with a blood-alcohol level above 0.08 per cent and one count of reckless driving. Lohan was sentenced to three years probation but had to ask for an extension after she failed to complete her alcohol-education courses on time.

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Celebrity tweets

Kirstie Alley [@kirstie-alley] TARGET has got the cutest toddler clothes..just picked some up for my God Daughter! NO I don't work for TARGET

Cindy Crawford [@Cindy-Crawford] Spent the day a Raging Waters for my son's birthday. Waterslides are fun at any age!

Jason Mraz [@jason_mraz] When I finally get home after this eye opening journey in the Gulf, I plan to start saving energy immediately - by sleeping all weekend.

Tom Felton On the way to the habbo hotel! My cabbies never heard of it though, think he's lost.

Gaga beats Obama in friends primary

Flamboyant singing sensation the first living person to exceed 10 million fans on a social network

When it comes to friends, at least those of the Facebook brand, it seems Lady Gaga has more than any living person — more than 10 million of them.

The singer, who's been charting a new course for pop culture, has become the first living person to reach, and apparently quickly exceed, 10 million friends on the popular social networking website.

That, according to various reports, is about 700,000 more than U.S. President Barack Obama.

The 24-year-old music and media sensation formerly known as Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta, is currently in the midst of her enormously successful Monster Ball Tour.

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▶ Officially more popular than you

Kelsey sets the record straight

13 years. Grammer and wife Camille have been married since 1997. The couple has two children.

Kelsey Grammer is fighting back against accusations that his failure to call his kids on Father's Day is what finally convinced his wife, Camille Donatacci Grammer, to file for divorce.

"The truth is I did call my kids that evening," he says on his website. "Frankly, I was surprised that they did not call me in the morning."

The former Frasier star also took issue with a report that he'd been out on a date with a mystery blonde, who turned out to be his daughter from a previous marriage. "I do take issue with the characterization that we were smooching but surely if that were the case then even I admit it might be newsworthy in some fashion," he says.

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Lily taking a pregnant pause?

Lily Allen, who recently announced plans to take a five-year break from the music industry, sparked pregnancy rumours after an appearance at a festival in London where she wore loose clothing and avoided alcohol and cigarettes, according to the Daily Mail. "I appreciate that you were jumping up and down because this is probably my last gig in London for some time," Allen told the crowd, furthering the speculation. Her rep denies she is pregnant.

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Cancelled Diddy show a 'didn't'

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▶ Ladies and gentlemen, please do not feed the ego

Rowdy crowds waiting in line for a July Fourth pool party featuring Sean "Diddy" Combs forced the event to be shut down before the rap and fashion mogul had a chance to enter.

Police shut down the party early yesterday, forcing some 1,800 guests out of the Harrah's Resort Atlantic City nightclub known as The Pool.

Casino staff said that the actual crowd was not nearly that large but that they decided to cancel the event in the name of safety. "Because of the large response on the 4th, we made a proactive decision to postpone the originally scheduled nightlife activities," said Jay Snowden, the casino's senior vice-president and general manager, in a statement.

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George in custody

George Michael found himself in police custody again recently.

The singer was declared unfit to drive after he smashed his Range Rover into London shop, according to the Sun.

The accident reportedly took place as Michael was driving home from London's Gay Pride parade. "A man in his 40s was arrested on suspicion of being unfit to drive," a police spokesman tells the newspaper.

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Travel finds this week:

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A WALK ON THE WALES SIDE

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As the clouds thinned, and chinks of sunlight speckled the ocean, my little sister turned and said: "God, that's prettier than the Greek islands."

And indeed it was.

She meant the way the cliffs, a smorgasbord of gorse-covered Precambrian rocks battered by the tides for millennia, jutted sharply out to sea before retreating back on themselves as far as the eye could see.

But this wasn't a Greek island. It wasn't even close to a Greek island.

It was Wales, a place famed for mines, rugby and sheep — not necessarily in that order.

So it was strange that, on a cliff edge somewhere near Mynydd Mawr, I felt myself nodding in complete agreement — genuinely amazed at how beautiful this place was.

It hadn't always been like this. I'm not a natural walker, nor am I a natural lover of Wales, having been forced to spend pretty much every family holiday of my entire childhood years in a tiny hamlet called Morfa Nefyn, a place proudly devoid of anything that might interest a sulky teenager.

The origins of why we were here lay slightly lost in a fug of a drink-fuelled evening, but here we were — me, two of my sisters and my dad, all signed up for a walking tour with specialists Celtic Trails (celtic-trails.com).

To be honest, on day one I felt like I'd lost a bet.

We walked out of the hotel into one of those imperceptibly fine mists and bundled ourselves into an awaiting taxi taking us to the start of a 13km hike from Nefyn to Towyn.

As we hit Nefyn beach the sun suddenly appeared bang on cue and, even weirder, as we strode out across the cliff tops cliché after cliché started to fall into place.

My city office suddenly really did seem the claustrophobic pigeon-holes that it is, the air really did seem cleaner, the soul really was stirred and, by god, it was beautiful.

Day 2 was a 15 km hike across isolated beaches and craggy cliffs to Porth Oer.

Day 3 took in the surreal Whistling Sands (it squeaks when you walk on it), the massive seascapes around St Mary's Well and the lovely little village of Aberdaron.

It rained a bit and no-one cared, walking in such a deeply splendid landscape was starting to feel vaguely zen-like.

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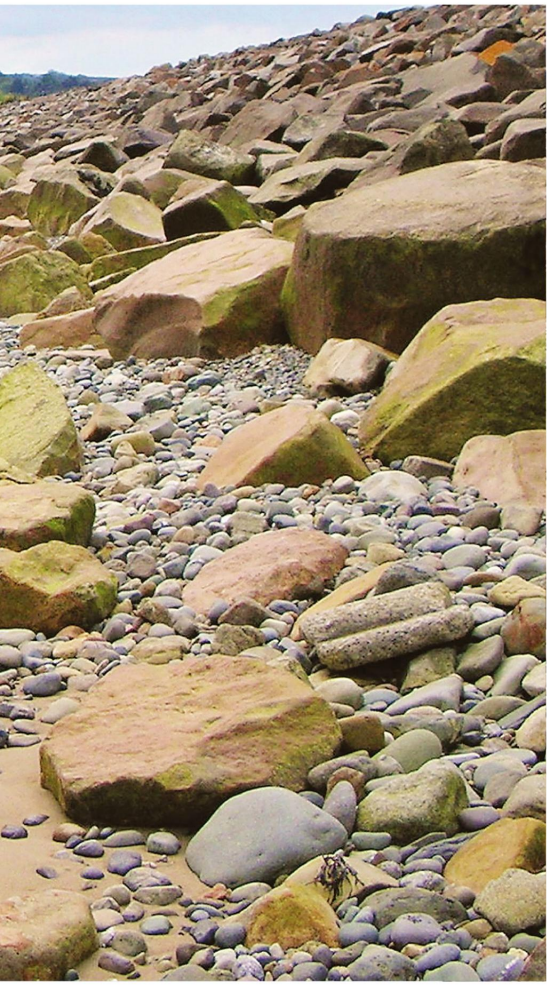

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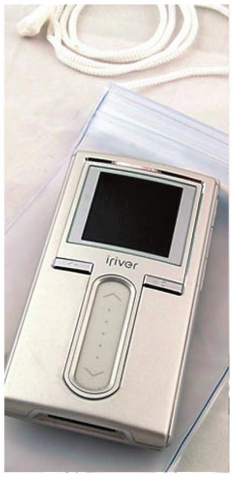

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"Toronto is such a bike friendly place," smiles Bruce Abe, co-owner of popular bicycle rental service Wheel Excitement. "There are literally hundreds of kilometres of trails and paths that can take you just about anywhere in the city."

Operating out of 110-249 Queens Quay West, Wheel Excitement is conveniently situated at the halfway point along popular person-powered path The Martin Goodman Trail. The establishment opened in 1993 when Abe and colleague recognized the lack of an outlet where tourists — Torontonian or not — could pick up an eco-friendly, exercise-encouraging machine in order to explore both the obvious and subtler aspects of the GTA.

At that, Abe notes Toronto Island Bicycle Rental where beach cruisers, tandem and four-seater bikes are for rent at modest fees and Mount Pleasant Cemetery's "peacefulness" as examples of both.

"There are literally hundreds of kilometres of trails and paths that can take you just about anywhere in the city."
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However, he admits there is a need for cycle-centric tours of our fair city despite the ample amount of trails, paths and generally entertaining engagements one may explore when tooling about Toronto on two wheels.

"(Because) it's so easy to ride the city," he continues, extolling the virtues of pedal-power as an inexpensive albeit multitudinously beneficial mode of transport, "it really depends on what people want to see. Some of the Toronto's greatest attractions are only a short ride away."

Island bits

Toronto Islands are a wonderful biking destination. Consider the following while exploring its niches.

- 1787 – Islands bought from Mississauga Indians for 10 shillings (Roughly $1.08 today)
- 1858 — Storm separates Toronto Islands (originally a peninsula) from mainland
- 1897 – Hanlan's Point Stadium built
- 1914 – Babe Ruth hits first pro home run into Lake Ontario
- 1939 – Toronto Island Airport opens
- 1947 – City approves year-round residency to combat housing shortages
- 1967 — Centreville Amusement Park opens

Top ten Toronto cycling spots

1. Martin Goodman Trail: Lakefront path spanning Humber River to The Beach
2. Don Valley Trail: 40 kilometres of mountain biking and pavement
3. Humber Trail: 32 kilometres of above
4. Leslie Spit: Beautiful city vista
5. Toronto Islands: Five car-less kilometres of paths
6. High Park: A natural oasis
7. U of T: Historic buildings, mature, tree-lined routes
8. Scarborough Bluffs: Majestic nature
9. Mount Pleasant Cemetery: Humblingly quiet
10 Distillery District: More Toronto history/architecture

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Taste Toronto on your feet

Foodies can take a tour of Toronto's culinary hotspots Tour guide Shirley Lum has a 'passion for hunting nooks ... connected with food'

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Shirley Lum is your guide on a Taste of the World walking tour.

The best means of truly peeling back a city's hidden layers is to simply walk the same miles as its locals. Such is the drive behind A Taste Of The World Walks, a one-woman educational/thematic guided tour service, which has been offering insight into Hogtown since 1993.

Created by owner/tour guide Shirley Lum, A Taste Of The World Walks' navigational circuit highlights some of the various culinary, literary and supernatural hotspots across our fair city. The idea spawned from Lum's desire to forge a company motif around the means by which her own global explorations unfolded circa 1988.

"(The various stops on A Taste's tours are) an extension of how I travelled for the first time," she smiles. "I've always had an passion for hunting nooks and crannies connected with food and literature."

Looking to offer revelations about the same hidden-gems many area residents keep closely guarded, Lum researched various interesting aspects of Toronto, organized progression between destinations and set about offering up a series of now highly-popular metropolitan walking/eating excursions.

Currently, trips through select Chinatown, Kensington, Rosedale and Broadview restaurants give ample options to her diverse clientele at varying rates. A three-plus hour Foodies Walk (food & non-alcoholic drinks) are under $50 while Ghost/Literary Detective Walks (two-plus hours/snacks) come in below $30 for adults. Senior and children discounts are available.

Play literary detective

In May of 1842, few Torontonians knew that revered author Charles Dickens was fleeting about town on a somewhat secretive two-day visit.

Similarly, even less realized that in the 1900s, Anne Of Green Gables creator Lucy M. Montgomery was a Swansea neighbourhood resident up until her death in 1942.

Even today, those facts are ill-known yet during Lum's In The Footsteps Of Charles Dickens/Swansea And L.M. Montgomery pedestrian tours, participants, "play detective" with aids of the era such as maps, photos, diaries and hidden trails in order to learn more about some of Toronto's contribution to the written word.

KEITH CARMEN/
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Find things that go bump

Destination dining and historical documentation not your thing? Fear not. Or rather, fear more as Lum also hosts four distinct ghost walks for those wanting something a touch more scintillating with their stroll.

Over the course of two-and-a-half hours, learn about the sordid past behind Yorkville, U of T, Queen's Park, municipal buildings, St. Lawrence Market and other spectre-laden sites.

"With the aid of your digital camera, you might catch the ghosts lingering in the lost jails, hanging squares, grand Vaudeville theatres and an old hospital," Lum says. "They beckon us to listen to muddied stories of Toronto's wicked citizens."

KEITH CARMAN/
FOR METRO TORONTO

Family Tips

School's out. And with weeks of summer holiday ahead of them, kids will soon be looking for ways to fill their days with fun. Here are tips to make the most of summer together:

- Visit the park for a game of Frisbee and let the kids burn off energy.
- Take a nature walk around your community for the kids to discover the flowers and plants in their own backyards.
- Dampen the heat with a visit to the pool.
- Grab a ball and head to the park for a game of catch.
- Get out the bicycles and take a spin together around the block or along the trails. Just remember that everyone needs to wear a helmet.

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Super food: Plums

Shaped like a golf ball, plums have been hailed as the new super food stars, overtaking berries with their astonishing array of health benefits

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The Monte Cristo with a twist

CARLO MENDOZA

Serves 5
Prep time: 10 min.
Cooking: 5 min.

▶ A winning combination of sweet, savoury and salty flavours.

Under the shade of a tree in a park, on a blanket at the beach or even in your own backyard, this is the best time of year for a picnic ◗ Sandwiches are a seasonal must to include in any basket you're making

Ingredients :

- 4 eggs
- (1/3 cup) milk (whole, 2% or low fat)
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 8 slices Calabrese or country-style bread
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 4 oz Fontina cheese, grated (about 1/3 cup)
- 4 slices thick-cut (about 1/8-inch) deli turkey breast
- 4 fresh apricots, pitted and thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, more if cooking in batches
- icing sugar, for garnish

Topped with turkey, cheese and apricots (though if you don't have apricots handy, try apricot or fig preserve), the sweetness of the fruit, paired with the savoury turkey and slightly salty cheese is a deliciously mouthwatering combination.

Preparation:

1. In a shallow dish, whisk together eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Set aside.
2. Lay 4 slices of bread on a clean work surface and spread top-side of each with a thin layer of mustard. Top each slice with cheese, turkey and another layer of cheese. Arrange apricot slices in an even layer on top and sandwich with remaining bread. Press down slightly on each sandwich.
3. Dip each sandwich into egg mixture, turning to coat all sides.
4. Working in batches as necessary, melt butter until foamy in a large non-stick skillet set over medium-low heat.
5. Place sandwiches in skillet, cover and cook until bottom is golden brown, about three minutes. Flip sandwiches over, cover and continue to cook until cheese is melted and bottom is golden brown, about four minutes. Remove from pan.

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Hanging out off the clock

For many co-workers, the line between colleagues and amigos can slacken, or even dissappear

DREW HINSHAW
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It's good and natural that folks who work, collaborate and trod the extra mile together often also hang together, career counsellors say. But beware, they say, of the limitations of a work friendship, as the work part has its way of spoiling the friendship.

The danger is acutely present in small, claustrophobic businesses — where chances for advancement are few and coveted — or in sales departments, where the contest for commissions can curdle a mutual trust.

But in any professional environment, workplace relationship expert Courtney Anderson urges employees to be realistic about the friendships they take on.

"I don't know why people forget the difference between work friends and real friends, but they do," she says. "To me, it's simple. If you met these people at work, they're a work friend."

Clearing personal space between office buddies can be a job of its own — after all, you work together. A slip-out-of-lunch card like, "I have a lot of work to do," may fall flat.

Nonetheless, Escape From Corporate America author Pamela Skillings suggests you occasionally escape the after-hours getaway — running errands or laps at the gym are inoffensive alternatives. If need be, she offers, invite co-workers who don't usually come out.

"Open it up to more of a group effort," she says. "That's more of a team event, instead of the same two people gossiping every day at lunch."

Anderson agrees, and adds that work friends on lunch break should keep the conversation upbeat, and minimize any slander aimed at other colleagues.

"Talk about American Idol — regular, innocuous stuff," she advises.

Too close?

Many times, it's the friendships that have grown too close that become too physically close, Anderson says. Many harassment cases happen between pals, off campus where interpersonal boundaries shift.

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▶ Author Pamela Skillings suggests escaping the after-hours getaways every so often.

How to watch the World Cup at work

With the World Cup now in the semi-finals the urge to watch while you work should be rising. Here's some tips courtesy of Molson on how to do it, and get away with it.

• Stream the game on your mobile device. Carefully position it on your lap so you can nonchalantly glance at the game while working;

• Schedule offsite lunch meeting with clients and colleagues and treat them to a World Cup experience;

• Hook up a second monitor to your work computer. One screen for work related tasks and the other to watch the game;

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Today's tip comes from *The Big Secret Of Dealing With People* in Dale Carnegie's **How To Win Friends and Influence People**. He tells us that individuals hate flattery but "crave" appreciation.
Quote: "What is the difference between appreciation and flattery? That's simple. One is sincere and the other is not. One comes from the heart out; the other from the teeth out. One is unselfish; the other selfish. One is universally admired; the other universally condemned …. If all we had to do was flatter others, everybody would catch on and all of us would be experts in human relations.
When we are not engaged in thinking about some definite problem, we usually spend about 95 percent of our time thinking about ourselves. Now, if we stop thinking about ourselves for a while and begin to think of the other person's good points, we don't have to resort to flattery so cheap and false that it can be spotted almost before it comes out of our mouth."
There's nothing unclear, indirect, or out-of-date about this advice. It's a great tip in a time when trust is at an all-time low. The competency of giving honest, sincere, and specific feedback is particularly important to those who rely on the strength of their relationships to get things done.
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BULLY BOSSES

What happens when an employee is assaulted by a supervisor? As an Ontario court just ruled, when push comes to shove, the employer may also be responsible. Richard Ayotte was a pushy boss — literally. Ayotte was seen as critical, intimidating and aggressive, thinking it would achieve results.

When one of his staff, Marta Piresferreira, allegedly failed to book a meeting, Ayotte yelled and swore at her and pushed her.

When Piresferreira followed him to his office to protest his behaviour, Ayotte threatened her with probation.

Piresferreira later returned to work expecting an apology. Instead, she was given a Performance Improvement Plan. She refused to sign and complained to the company, Bell Mobility.

The same day, Piresferreira received a letter from Bell stating it had spoken to Ayotte and that he would apologize — and then the case would be closed. Bell made several attempts to get Piresferreira to return to her job. Eventually Bell just claimed that she had resigned. Piresferreira was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and never returned to work. Bell was held responsible for Ayotte's actions and for failing to treat Piresferreira with civility and respect. Piresferreira was constructively dismissed and awarded over $500,000 in damages because she could not work again. Bell appealed.

Recently, the Ontario Court of Appeal agreed that Piresferreira was constructively dismissed, but reduced the damages to a year of lost wages and $45,000 . For the full column, see Metronews.ca/worklaw .

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Over the last year, connections between undergrads and faculty are being more and more scrutinized, as number of studies — both scientific and informal — have all pointed to the same thing: Students learn and achieve more, when they have a relationship with their professor.

"If a student gets to know the professor outside of class, it helps them within the classroom," says Dr. Tod W. Burke, a professor at Radford University. "Not only does the student wish to please the professor, but the student begins to feel they will be letting them down if they do not do their best work."

Professors don't seem surprised by the recent finding. In communicating with a cross-section of more than 30 professors, most say that when a personal relationship is fostered with a student, they too feel a greater sense of accountability. And this often has an effect on grades.

"If a student has an 89.3 average and is engaging in class, it's natural to give that person the benefit of the doubt and bump it to an A," says John Mooney, a professor at Berkeley College's Manhattan campus.

The perfect tactic? Bring a rough version of an assignment during office hours. Try to determine if you're on the right track before handing it in.

Prof's opinion

Ben Dyson, psychology professor at Ryerson University in Toronto has this to say about connecting with professors:

- Dyson says it can take time to adjust to learning in a big university class, as opposed to smaller high-school classes.
- "I think one of the important things is to just not be afraid to ask questions," he says. "The idea of not being afraid to connect is the first step."
- He says faculty have to work on it, too, by providing time for questions in class and encouraging student participation. He leaves a box at the back of his class so that students can anonymously write questions for him even if they feel it's a "silly" point.

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What a treat: Dutch in final

- Netherlands head to World Cup final after defeating Uruguay
- Will play winner of Spain-Germany match

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▶ Wesley Sneijder, top, celebrates with his teammates yesterday after a Netherlands goal.

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The Netherlands is in the World Cup final.

Dutch stars Wesley Sneijder and Arjen Robben scored three minutes apart in the second half as the Netherlands beat Uruguay 3-2 yesterday to advance to its first championship match since losing in 1978 to Argentina.

"We are so close," Sneijder said. "There is nothing bigger than the World Cup."

Winners of all six games in South Africa, the Oranje will face either Germany or Spain in Sunday's title game at Soccer City in Johannesburg. The Netherlands lost its other appearance in the final, to West Germany in 1974.

Both of those title-game defeats came during the golden period of Dutch soccer, and in the opposition's homeland. No such worries this time, and no country outside of Africa has had as much fan support as the Netherlands.

Inside Green Point Stadium it looked like a Florida orange grove. Outside, a Netherlands fan in a blue-and-white bodysuit stood on stilts and played a vuvuzela — badly. It was about the only thing that didn't measure up for the Dutch.

And a tournament that looked like a South American fiesta early on will end in a European showdown for the second straight World Cup. Sneijder and Robben made sure of that.

"This is unforgettable," said Sneijder, now tied with Spain's David Villa for top scorer at the tournament (five goals). "It was a tough fight and toward the end we complicated matters.

"Sunday we play in the World Cup final. I have to get used to that."

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Glorious goals

- Wesley Sneijder's goal came somewhat unexpectedly because Uruguay had shut down the Dutch offence for much of the second half. His left-footed shot from just inside the penalty area barely ticked the leg of defender Maximiliano Pereira before it skidded past goalkeeper Fernando Muslera.
- Then Arjen Robben sent a cross from Dirk Kuyt past a flat-footed Muslera with a brilliant header as Robben was leaping away from the net. His teammates piled on in an Oranje Crush celebration, and Robben came up from it with mud on his forehead and a smile on his face.

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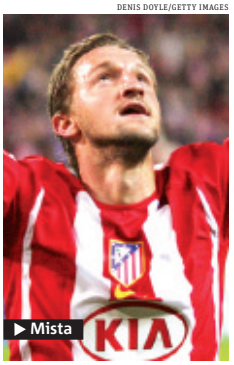

▶ Mista

TFC sign Spain's Mista

Toronto FC has dipped into Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment's coffers, signing Spanish forward Miguel Angel Ferrer Martinez as its second designated player.

The 31-year-old known as Mista has played all his soccer in Spain, most recently with Deportivo La Coruna where he played alongside midfielder Julian de Guzman, Toronto's first designated player.

The Spaniard will be looking to spark a career that has stalled in recent years in La Liga.

Mista enjoyed his best seasons with Valencia from 2001-06.

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Mista helped manager Rafa Benitez win the UEFA Cup that season, scoring a highlight-reel goal in Valencia's 2-0 win over Olympique de Marseille in the final.

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Raps ink pick

Forward Ed Davis has signed his rookie contract with the Toronto Raptors, a deal that will keep him under contract through the 2011-12 season, followed by two team option years. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Toronto took Davis 13th overall in last month's NBA draft.

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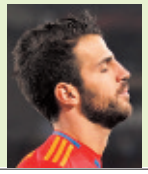
Fabregas could play for Spain

Spain midfielder Cesc Fabregas has been cleared of a serious leg injury ahead of today's World Cup semifinal match against Germany after being hurt in training. The Spanish soccer federation said Fabregas had scans on his right leg after hurting it in a closed training session Monday. "The tests rule out any type of bone injury, so the player could be available to play against Germany," the federation said yesterday in a statement. "He is not ruled out for the game tomorrow." Fabregas trained normally with the rest of his teammates yesterday.



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Captaincy a non issue says coach

Germany coach Joachim Loew says there is no discord in the German team following comments by Philipp Lahm that he wants to stay on as captain even if the injured Michael Ballack returns after the World Cup. "It doesn't bother us at all," Loew said yesterday.

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▶ Spain's Fernando Torres celebrates after scoring during the Euro 2008 final against Germany. The Germans will look to avenge that loss today in World Cup action.

Good enough to be a final

Germany seeks revenge against Spain in classic semifinal match ◗ Winner faces Dutch in Cup final

The reigning European champion vs. the runner-up. One of the top scorers at this World Cup vs. No. 2 on the all-time list. The most dynamic team at this tournament vs. a squad that's yet to show its full brilliance. A three-time champion vs. a team craving its first title.

Sounds like a great World Cup final.

Too bad it will be the semifinals when Germany and Spain face off today at Moses Mabhida Stadium, with many expecting the winner to go on and be crowned world champion four days later. The Spain-Germany winner will play the Netherlands in the final.

"This would have been a great final, actually," Germany's Lukas Podolski said yesterday. "We want revenge for 2008. When you are in a final you want to win. We still think about that defeat, and it still hurts. We want to reach the final and we'll do all we can to achieve that."

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Germany has played seven World Cup finals and won three of them. Spain has never reached the final and has never beaten Germany in the World Cup.

There's a game in every World Cup that comes a round or two too soon, and Germany-Spain definitely qualifies.

Spain has lost all of two games since November 2006, and it ended a 44-year major title drought when it beat Germany to win the European Championship in 2008. David Villa shares the scoring lead at this World Cup with Wesley Sneijder (five goals), and the Spanish defence hasn't allowed a goal in the knockout stage.

Germany, meanwhile, made old rivals England and Argentina look downright silly in their knockout round games, routing them by a combined score of 8-1 to reach a third straight World Cup semifinal.

Miroslav Klose has regained his old form and, with two goals against Argentina, moved into a tie with Gerd Mueller for second place on the all-time scoring list.

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Tiger turns curt with probing reporters

Woods rebuffs attempts at eliciting comments on marital troubles

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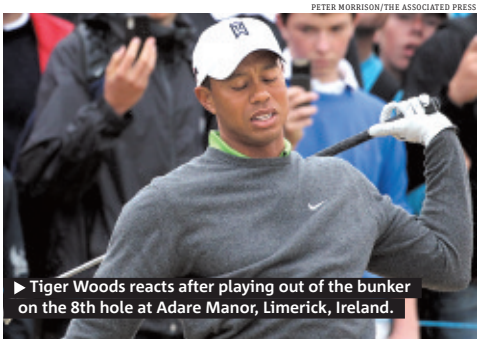

▶ Tiger Woods reacts after playing out of the bunker on the 8th hole at Adare Manor, Limerick, Ireland.

After another warm welcome from the Irish public, Tiger Woods became dismissive at a news conference yesterday when asked about his state of mind since the sex scandal that's wrecked his marriage.

Woods was questioned following his 3-under-par 69 in his final round of the charity J.P. McManus Invitational Pro-Am, his first foreign appearance since the turmoil.

When asked whether his liaisons with other women had been "worth it" since it cost him his marriage and endorsements, Woods replied, "I think you're looking too deep into this." He torpedoed the follow-up question with an icily firm "Thank you."

Woods is returning immediately to his Florida home rather than heading to Scotland to prepare for next week's British Open at St. Andrews, one of his favourite courses and where he won Opens in 2000 and 2005. Once the subject was broached, the previously easy-speaking Woods flipped a switch into staccato half-sentences.

How will you prepare? "Practising."

Where? "Home."

Why not try to play some links golf in Scotland beforehand? "I need to get home." Silence.

Why? "See my kids."

When asked again whether he was finding personal worries overshadowing his game, Woods clearly had enough.

"Everything's working itself out," he said.

Out on the Adare Manor Golf Course, Woods felt nothing but love and admiration from the more than 20,000 fans who lined the course five-deep to watch his every drive, approach shot and putt.

Armed with a full night's sleep, Woods breezed through a course that had befuddled him Monday, when he shot a 7-over 79 to fall near the bottom of the field of 54 professionals.

His Irish caddie, Arthur Pierse, said Woods was exhausted Monday after flying overnight following the AT&T National outside Philadelphia, where he finished 46th. He climbed back into the middle of the pack yesterday.

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Sports in brief

Tour honours aggression

CYCLING. Canadian Ryder Hesjedal was honoured as the most aggressive rider in Stage 3 after a fourth-place finish.

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Break in Vick birthday case

NFL. Police said yesterday they know who was responsible for shooting another man following Michael Vick's birthday celebration, but the shooter will not be charged "at this time" because the victim has not co-operated with investigators.

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Halak signs in St. Louis

NHL. Jaroslav Halak agreed to a $15-million US, four-year contract with the St. Louis Blues yesterday.

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Wells trotting all the way to derby

Blue Jays outfielder to participate in home run contest during all-star festivities ◗ Teammate Bautista, who leads league in homers, not invited

Vernon Wells is one of the four American League representatives for next week's home run derby, while Toronto Blue Jays teammate Jose Bautista, the loop's long ball leader, is not.

The announcement was made yesterday by Major League Baseball, which also said Detroit's Miguel Cabrera, Boston's David Ortiz and Robinson Cano of the Yankees will take part for the AL.

Matt Holliday of the St. Louis Cardinals and Milwaukee's Corey Hart will swing for the National League, with two more representatives to be named later.

Wells, who sat out yesterday's game against the Minnesota Twins with a stomach illness and wasn't available for comment, has 19 homers this season.

Bautista and Cincinnati's Joey Votto of Toronto began the day tied for the major-league lead with 21.

Asked if he had been invited, Bautista replied "not yet" and seemed unfazed by word that Wells had been chosen.

But manager Cito Gaston seemed surprised by the news, apparently under the impression that both his players would be going.

Either way, Gaston has no concerns about having one of his key hitters take part in Monday's derby, an event some past participants have blamed for messing up their swings.

"Let those guys go and have a good time," said Gaston.

"Who knows if you're going to get back there again, so enjoy the whole thing."

After all, he quipped, trying to hit a home run on every swing is "pretty much what they've been doing anyway."

Bautista has taken part in home run derbies before, coming second to Ryan Howard in single-A and finishing third in double-A. Wells will make his derby debut.

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▶ Blue Jays slugger Vernon Wells circles the bases after a home run at Rogers Centre earlier this year.

Twins 7 Jays 6

Jesse Litsch is giving the Toronto Blue Jays something to think about — and not in a good way.

- For the third time in five starts since returning from elbow surgery, the 25-year-old right-hander delivered a dud, giving up five runs over 5⅓ messy innings in a 7-6 loss to the Minnesota Twins last night.
- Litsch didn't figure in the decision — this one was settled in the eighth when Denard Span drove in the winning run with a single off Scott Downs — but he set the stage for the latest defeat for the Blue Jays (41-43).

Scoreboard

BASEBALL

AL EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
NEW YORK	51	31	.622	-
TAMPA BAY	49	33	.598	2
BOSTON	49	34	.590	2.5
TORONTO	41	43	.488	11
BALTIMORE	25	57	.305	26

AL CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	44	37	.543	-
MINNESOTA	45	38	.542	-
CHICAGO	43	38	.531	1
KANSAS CITY	37	46	.446	8
CLEVELAND	33	49	.402	11.5

AL WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	48	34	.585	-
LOS ANGELES	46	39	.541	3.5
OAKLAND	41	43	.488	8
SEATTLE	34	48	.415	14

Yesterday's results

Minnesota 7 Toronto 6
Baltimore at Detroit
Boston at Tampa Bay
Cleveland at Texas
L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland
Kansas City at Seattle

Today's games

Baltimore at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NL EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	48	35	.578	-
NEW YORK	47	37	.560	1.5
PHILADELPHIA	43	38	.531	4
FLORIDA	39	43	.476	8.5
WASHINGTON	37	47	.440	11.5

NL CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
CINCINNATI	48	37	.565	-
ST. LOUIS	45	37	.549	1.5
MILWAUKEE	37	46	.446	10
CHICAGO	36	47	.434	11
HOUSTON	32	51	.386	15
PITTSBURGH	30	52	.366	16.5

NL WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
SAN DIEGO	49	34	.590	-
LOS ANGELES	45	37	.549	3.5
COLORADO	44	38	.537	4.5
SAN FRANCISCO	42	40	.512	6.5
ARIZONA	32	51	.386	17

Yesterday's results

N.Y. Mets 3 Cincinnati 0
Washington 6 San Diego 5
Atlanta at Philadelphia
Pittsburgh at Houston
San Francisco at Milwaukee
St. Louis at Colorado
Chicago Cubs at Arizona
Florida at L.A. Dodgers

Today's games

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Florida at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Jays Tuesday box score

MINNESOTA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
SPAN CF	4	0	1	2	1	0	.274
O.HUDSON 2B	4	0	0	0	1	0	.270
MAUER C	4	1	1	1	1	0	.302
MORNEAU 1B	4	2	1	1	1	1	.342
KUBEL RF	5	2	2	1	0	0	.264
HARDY SS	0	0	0	0	0	0	.219
CUDDYER 3B-RF	4	1	1	0	1	0	.263
THOME DH	5	0	1	1	0	1	.263
DELM.YOUNG LF	3	1	3	1	1	0	.307
PUNTO SS-3B	3	0	0	0	0	0	.249
TOTALS	36	7	10	7	6	2	

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
F.LEWIS LF	4	1	2	2	0	2	.281
WISE CF	4	1	1	2	0	0	.241
ALE.GONZALEZ SS	4	0	0	0	0	0	.255
J.BAUTISTA RF	4	0	0	0	0	1	.233
LIND DH	4	0	1	0	0	0	.206
J.BUCK C	4	0	0	0	0	0	.269
OVERBAY 1B	4	2	2	1	0	1	.244
ENCARNACION 3B	4	2	3	1	0	0	.212
1-J.MCDONALD PR	0	0	0	0	0	0	.217
N.GREEN 2B	3	0	0	0	0	0	.154
A-V.WELLS PH	1	0	0	0	0	1	.273
TOTALS	36	6	9	6	0	5	

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
PAVANO	61-3	8	6	6	0	2
MIJARES W,1-0	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
CRAIN H,7	1	0	0	0	0	1
RAUCH S,19-23	1	1	0	0	0	1
TORONTO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
LITSCH	51-3	7	5	5	2	0
TALLET BS,2-2	12-3	1	1	1	3	0
FRASOR L,3-2	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
S.DOWNS	2-3	1	0	0	1	1
GREGG	1	0	0	0	0	1

WORLD CUP

Yesterday's result

Netherlands 3 Uruguay 2

Today's game

Germany vs. Spain, 2:30 p.m.

CFL

EAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
WINNIPEG	1	1	0	0	49	29	2
MONTREAL	1	0	1	0	51	54	0
HAMILTON	1	0	1	0	29	49	0
TORONTO	1	0	1	0	16	30	0

WEST DIVISION	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
SASK.	1	1	0	0	54	51	2
CALGARY	1	1	0	0	30	16	2
B.C.	1	1	0	0	25	10	2
EDMONTON	1	0	1	0	10	25	0

Friday's game

Toronto at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Saturday's games

Calgary at Hamilton, 1 p.m.
Saskatchewan at B.C., 10 p.m.

Sunday's game

Montreal at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

NHL

Notable 2010 free agent signings since July 1 (all figures in U.S. dollars)

ATLANTA
Chris Mason, G, $3.7 million, two years (St. Louis).
BUFFALO
Jordan Leopold, D, $9 million, three years (Pittsburgh).
CALGARY
Olli Jokinen, C, $6 million, two years (N.Y. Rangers); Alex Tanguay, LW, $1.7 million, one year (Tampa Bay).
DALLAS
Adam Burish, RW, $2.3 million, two years (Chicago); Andrew Raycroft, G, $1.3 million, two years (Vancouver).
EDMONTON
Colin Fraser, C, $1.65 million, two years (Chicago); Kurtis Foster, D, $3.6 million, two years (Tampa Bay).
FLORIDA
Chris Higgins, C, $1. million, one year (N.Y. Rangers).
MONTREAL
Alex Auld, G, $1 million, one year (N.Y. Rangers).
NASHVILLE
Matthew Lombardi, C, $10.5 million, three years (Phoenix).
NEW JERSEY
Johan Hedberg, G, $1.5 million, one year (Atlanta); Henrik Tallinder, D, $13.5 million (Buffalo); Anton Volchenkov, D, $25.5 million, six years (Ottawa).
OTTAWA
Sergei Gonchar, D, $16.5 million, three years (Pittsburgh).
PHILADELPHIA
Braydon Coburn, D, $6.4 million, two years (re-signed); Sean O'Donnell, D, $1 million, one year (Los Angeles); Jody Shelley, LW, $3.3 million, three years (N.Y. Rangers).
PITTSBURGH
Paul Martin, D, $25 million, five years (New Jersey); Zbynek Michalek, D, $20 million, four years (Phoenix).
SAN JOSE
Antero Niittymaki, G, $4 million, two years (Tampa Bay).
TORONTO
Colby Armstrong, RW, $9 million, three years (Atlanta); Nikolai Kulemin, LW, $4.7 million, two years (re-signed).
VANCOUVER
Dan Hamhuis, D, $27 million, six years (Nashville); Manny Malhotra, C, $7.5 million, three years (San Jose).

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Understated Avalon adds some pizzazz

Toyota breaks the mould for its flagship sedan and revamps the 2011 model to attract younger buyers ◗ Lorne Drury gives the lowdown on the power and cool of the new Avalon

Power like Camry

UNDER THE HOOD Power for this front-wheel drive vehicle comes from a 24-valve, 3.5-litre DOHC V6 engine, making 268 hp and 248 lb/ft of torque. This is the same engine offered in the upscale Camry models. The V6 is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission.

Modern look

EXTERIOR From the addition of more chrome on the front grille and side rocker panels, to high-tech projector headlamps with light pipes and rear tail lamps with LED light pipes, the Avalon for 2011 has a much more modern look to it. Other new features include foldable heated power side mirrors with LED turn signal, 17-inch polished alloy wheels and prominent dual exhaust pipes.

Airbags galore

SAFETY There are seven airbags including the segment's only driver's-side knee airbag. Active front headrests and redesigned rear headrests are included as are Vehicle Stability Control, traction control, ABS with Electronic Brake Force Distribution and Brake Assist.

Smooth and soft

HANDLING On the road, the Avalon presents a smooth, comfortable, soft ride— much like you would find in its Lexus counterpart, the ES 350. This is a family entry-luxury sedan and not a sport sedan, so the ride and handling is similar to competitors such as the Hyundai Genesis and Buick Lucerne.

41,100

The new Avalon offers a better overall package than before at a more reasonable price — $41,100 — which is $4,745 less than the outgoing model.

Plenty of room

INTERIOR Inside, one of the highlights of the Avalon is the amount of rear seat legroom. Three passengers fit comfortably in the rear seats and the wide door openings and flat floor area make entry and exit a breeze. Meanwhile, all seating surfaces are leather, heated in front and with eight-way power adjustments for the driver's seat.

Sipping the gas

FUEL ECONOMY The Avalon is rated by Natural Resources Canada at 10.6L/100 km (27 mpg) city and 6.8L/100 km (42 mpg) highway for a combined 8.9L/100 km (32 mpg).

It pays to choose the correct grade of fuel

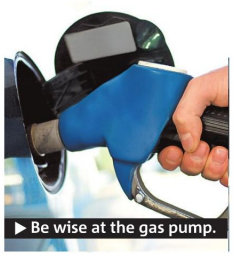
For most drivers, filling up at the pump is an automatic routine. But considering that cars are typically one of our largest investments, it's important to remember that building good habits for the way we take care of them can mean the difference between trouble-free driving and costly repairs.

According to a recent Angus Reid survey, one in four Canadians asked don't keep up with the recommended maintenance schedule for their vehicles and one in three aren't seeking the correct grade of fuel as recommended by their vehicle's manufacturer.

While most engines will work regardless of the fuel grade or quality, a big part of engine maintenance is making sure you select the right type of gasoline for your vehicle.

Octane

You probably associate octane with the number you see at the pumps, but the technical explanation for octane is the measure of the fuel's ability to resist "engine knock". If you use a lower octane rating in an engine designed to use higher octane fuel, engine knocking might occur, causing the car to shudder and lose performance. If your vehicle's engine is designed to run on regular grade unleaded gasoline, that's all it should require. However, using octane above the recommended level won.tt harm the engine.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NEWS CANADA

News in brief

Ford resale value jumps

USED CAR PRICE INDEX The resale value of newer Ford vehicles in Canada rose 28 per cent during the past 18 months, the result of stronger demand for Ford's new vehicle lineup and improved quality and durability ratings, according to the RVI Used Car Price Index.

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5 drive

Up and down

Curve Control

Ford has announced a new innovation, Curve Control, which it said is designed to help drivers maintain control of their vehicles when taking a curve too quickly.

Lexus recall

Lexus Canada is recalling nearly 3,700 GS, IS and LS models that may have foreign material contaminating the engine valve springs.

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FORD LEADING AT MID-YEAR MARK

Auto Pilot

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The end of June marks the halfway point of the 2010 Canadian vehicle sales year. A perfect time, then, to do some trendspotting and "top-tenning."

First a quick recap of the situation, six months ago, at the close of 2009.

Canadian vehicle sales took a big swoon in 2009 — the lowest annual total since 1998. (The U.S. total was the lowest since 1982.)

GM and Chrysler lead the downward parade, with Chrysler actually slipping to fourth overall, behind Toyota.

But while that bad news was happening, many European brands, and the Korean brands actually grew sales.

Fast-forward six months to today, and those European and Korean brands are still hard at it, with several registering record sales for the month of June. VW Canada, for example, had its best half-year total in its history, and Hyundai placed two vehicles in the Top Ten (for sales in 2010 YTD).

The major change over 2009, so far, is that overall market is up (by 16 per cent), and that all three players from Detroit are feeling happy, and that Honda and Toyota are feeling less happy.

Ford is actually outpacing GM right now, and is currently the top-selling automaker in Canada. This marks the first time in more than 50 years that Ford has lead the market for two consecutive quarters.

GM and Chrysler are also doing great in 2010, but this better performance is best described as a return to normalcy, rather than an outright sales party.

Here are some other mid-year highlights and lowlights…

- Saab has yet to sell a car in 2010.
- Truck sales grew 27 percent, while car sales dropped three per cent. Fullsize pickups continue to reign as top sellers. For everything that's happening, we still love our pickups.
- June was the second month in row, where the Detroit troika outperformed their import rivals.
- Death of the minivan has been postponed — Canadians bought lots of them, particularly the Dodge Caravan, the second best selling vehicle in the country.
- Jaguar and Land Rover doing well (up 27 per cent) for their new owners.
- Canadians like their Mercedes-Benz vehicles with diesel and all-wheel drive. Where available, the diesel "take rate" was 77.9 per cent, while the 4Matic units accounted for 74.1 per cent of overall units.
- Mazda3 gaining on Civic for title of bestselling passenger car in Canada.

Top 10 sellers

Number of units sold at mid-point 2010

INDIVIDUAL MODELS

- Ford F-Series 46,610
- Chevy Silverado/GMC Sierra 42,656
- Dodge Grand Caravan 28,529
- Honda Civic 26,383
- Mazda3 26,383
- Ram Pickup 25,310
- Ford Escape 22,078
- Toyota Corolla 20,146
- Hyundai Elantra 17,422
- Hyundai Accent 14,020

Data courtesy of Canadian AutoWorld magazine, and the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers of Canada (AIAMC)

AUTOMAKERS

- Ford 132,692
- General Motors 123,138
- Chrysler 105,110
- Toyota/Lexus 93,272 (85,897/7,375)
- Hyundai/Kia 88,720 (62,214/26,506)
- Honda/Acura 66,271 (58,223/8,048)
- Nissan/Infiniti 41,516 (37,593/3,923)
- Mazda 40,859
- VW/Audi 30,309 (22,885/7,424)
- Mercedes-Benz/smart 15,896 (14,777/1,119)

Source: DesRosiers Automotive Reports

Get in repair zone remotely

AUDI Cameras will soon be focused on all Audi Centre service areas as part of a new direct reception initiative being rolled out across the network. It will enable Audi customers to view in "real time," and communicate with, technicians as they carry out diagnosis and repair work. No date has been set for its implementation in Canada. From the Audi Centre reception area customers will have direct audio-visual access to their cars as they are worked on by technicians equipped with "Audi Cams" and two-way audio links.

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Swift + got price appeal

Suzuki model known for fuel economy If you want a car with no frills, then this car is for you

SECOND GEAR

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Engineered almost solely for bottom-line pricing and good fuel economy, the Suzuki Swift + is a more common machine than you might think. Though it wears the badge of Japan's smallest auto manufacturer, the Swift + was re-badged for sale to Canadians as both the Chevrolet Aveo and Pontiac Wave. Beyond that, the actual platform for all three vehicles was from a Korean-made Daewoo model called the Kalos.

The last generation of the Swift + / Aveo / Wave was available to Canadians from 2004 to 2008 in both five-door hatchback and four-door sedan body styles.

Look for goodies like body-coloured accents, heated mirrors, fog-lamps, air conditioning, remote entry and a six-speaker stereo on the standard or optional equipment lists depending on the model you're considering.

PHOTO COURTESY SUZUKI

▶ The Suzuki Swift + is a great car for students and others on a meagre budget.

Suzuki Swift +

- **MODEL YEARS** 2004-08
- **VEHICLE TYPE** Compact sedan/five-door
- **APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE** $5,000-7,000

What Owners Like

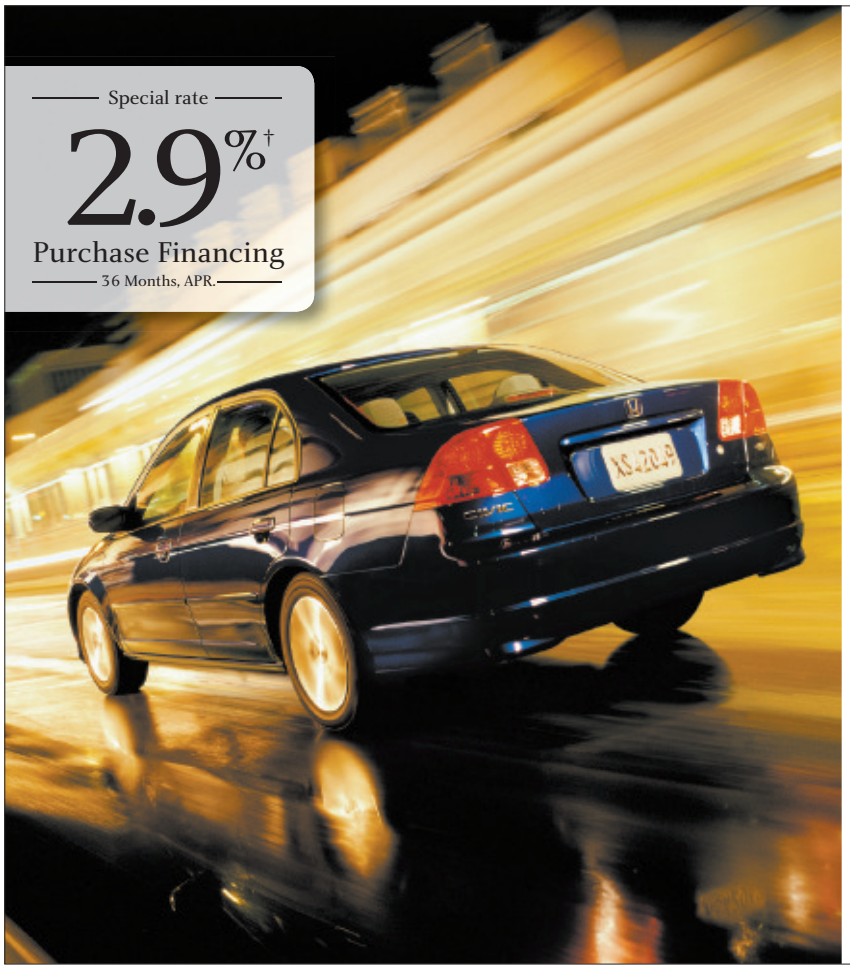
Not surprisingly, affordability, fuel economy, features-per-dollar and practicality were all major reasons that shoppers decided on a Swift + at the time of purchase. Many owners also like the styling, maneuverability and visibility offered by their their machines, too.

What Owners Hate

Common complaints of the Swift + include limited rear-seat room, limited storage space and a choppy ride on some surfaces. Some owners wish for more power and a quieter ride, too.

Common issues

Been driving a manual transmission for years? Considering a Swift + with a stick shift? Be double sure the clutch engages and returns as expected. Check for any clutch slippage or grinding during gear changes, which could indicate a problem with the clutch or the hydraulic system.



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Auto-inspired armchairs

▶ These give backseat driving a whole new meaning.

Auto designers try their hands at other kinds of industrial design, like furniture

RYAN BORROFF
METRO WORLD NEWS

You wouldn't think that a sofa had a great deal in common with a car, but you'd be surprised. Stephane Schwarz, former design director at Nissan, has created the new Morph seating collection for Saporiti Italia using the same skills he used to create the enormously successful Qashqai crossover car.

▶ Stephane Schwarz used to work for Nissan, where he designed the Qashqai crossover.

Product designers, fashion designers, even furniture designers have all had a go at car design in the past, often with questionable results. But car designers have a history of transferring their skills to other areas of design too.

According to Schwarz there are a number of similarities between car design and other types of industrial design, and you can tell a talented car designer because they can turn their hand to designing other products. "Furniture design is like car design in that it expresses symbolic values," says Schwarz, who now runs his own design studio in London. "Intellectually, it is about a form that conveys a particular personality, not unlike with cars." On the other hand product design is less constrained. "In product design you can explore expression in a broader way than the car industry," he explains. "Furniture is much more straightforward and intuitive. And it's liberating as the industry is more organic and flexible."

Schwarz's aim was to produce the most comfortable and beautiful sofa and armchairs he could. He started by working with Saporiti's craftsmen to create a digital design model of the initial prototypes. He then applied his ergonomic experience to the furniture's design, in the same sort of way that he might have approached a car interior of the past.

Inspired by his automotive experience, Schwarz looked at ergonomics to make a comfy sofa. "By taking more of an automotive approach I felt I could make furniture more comfortable. I wasn't interested in just creating something that just looked cool, but something that would be fit for life and user-focused. This may be something that has been neglected in some areas of furniture design – which can be like the art world in the way that it is purchased."

2 PRODUCTS BY CAR DESIGNERS

ABBATE EXCEPTION 70' CABIN CRUISER
Giorgetto Giugiaro

▶ Arguably the finest car designer of all time, Giorgetto Giugiaro has designed boats, trains, furniture and household appliances at Italdesign Giugiaro in Turin.

NUVO ROBOT
Ken Okuyama

▶ The humanoid robot "nuvo" is just one of a number of non-automotive products designed by Ken Okuyama whose car designs include the Ferrari Rossa, Ferrari Enzo and Maserati Quattraporte.

SINGER VOTES FOR VOLVO

Car facts

- **Name:** Jason Howard
- **Who he is:** Welsh-born, Toronto-based baritone opera singer who is starring in the musical classic South Pacific at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts from Aug. 12 to Sept. 5
- **What he drives:** A plum-coloured 1995 940 Turbo Volvo in Toronto. This car is incredible. It's got 230 clicks on it and it's never, ever broken down. No matter how cold it is it starts every morning.

Why the Volvos?
I chose Volvo originally because of their reputation for being safe cars. My wife's uncle had a write-off once in a Volvo wagon and the police officer said 'if this hadn't been a Volvo, you'd be dead now.' So I've always remembered that. We have a couple kids, so we wanted something strong.

What type of driver are you?
I can drive very aggressively if I need to. When I was in Wales, I was an amateur rally driver. Apart from singing, I would say one of my highest skill sets is driving. I always took to driving naturally. I learned when I was sixteen illegally. I bought a car when my parents were on holiday. They weren't too pleased when they came back! I was desperate to drive.

What was rally driving really like?
You know that saying about driving by the seat of your pants, well I could tell by a sensation in my hips when the car was going to start to slide. I'd rally in a Ford Escort, which is a real rear-wheel car and it's just a different technique than driving a front-wheel car. So, I really know how to control a fishtail.

Do you have a dream car?
I'd love to get a V70R Volvo. ... It's 300 break horsepower and it's beautifully finished. But the main reason I'd like to get it is that it has a tremendously strong all-wheel drive on it.

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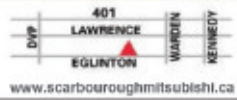

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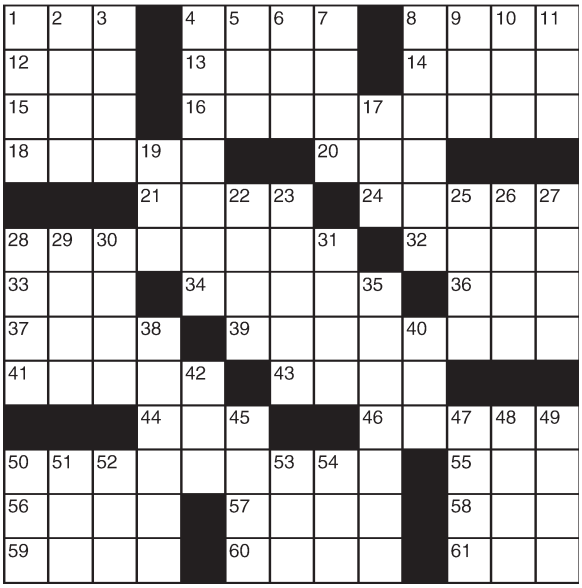

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12 Coloration
13 Small combo
14 Telegram
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28 Nightspot of a sort
32 "The Thin Man" role
33 Venomous viper
34 Wheels of fortune?
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37 Passel
39 Keyboard feature
41 Largest of the lower 48
43 In due time
44 Meadow
46 Milk dispenser?
50 Mecca for fans, maybe
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56 Language of Pakistan
57 See 58-Across
58 With 57-Across, Scarecrow's TV partner
59 Agrees silently
60 Eyelid woe
61 Inseparable

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2 Emanation
3 Suitor
4 Gasoline alternative
5 Support of a sort
6 Crib
7 Pop
8 Stockholm's land
9 Pen point
10 Writer Levin
11 Apiece
17 Cover
19 Sister
22 Wading bird
23 Florida city
25 Barbershop prop
26 Vicinity
27 Den
28 One of the tenses
29 Capri, for one
30 Pinnacle
31 Horse of a different color?
35 Cause of great affliction
38 Seal's cousin
40 Conclusion
42 Collection
45 Requests
47 Showroom sample
48 Deserve
49 Bit of trickery
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54 Whatever amount

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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1	8	9	3	6	7	2	4	5
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7	5	6	2	9	4	1	8	3

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STEPHEN

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MOM

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 A family problem that has been worrying you will disappear as if by magic today. The reason it worked itself out was because you did not interfere.

♉ Taurus April 23-May 21 There are people out there who believe it isn't right that you should speak your mind, that certain words and phrases are unacceptable. That's nonsense. You are free to say what you think any time you like.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Someone has taken advantage of you once too often and now you must cast them into outer darkness — or maybe just cross them off your party list. No matter how much they beg for forgiveness don't give in.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You seem to be hitting all your targets and fulfilling all your ambitions. Good for you, but don't forget that not everyone is having it so easy. What can you do to ease a loved one's pain?.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You have endured a lot in recent weeks but you have to admit that the experience has in some indefinable way made you stronger.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Success comes in many forms, not all of them related to fame and fortune. Your current level of success can be measured by how many friends rally round when you need a helping hand. Yes, you really are that popular.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Make the most of this time. Do something out of the ordinary. Show employers and other important people that you've got what it takes.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will find it very easy to get others to see things your way. The only danger is that if your way is the wrong way they won't be too happy about it. Are you going to let that possibility worry you? Of course not.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You need to be a bit more ruthless in your business dealings, especially if you like to believe that other people are motivated by kindness and generosity. Sadly, it's not always true.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 It may be easy enough to avoid a challenge today but if you do it will only come back at you tomorrow or the day after. It will also give your rivals the impression that you are afraid to act.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't waste time and energy tackling other people's problems when you've got issues of your own that need to be sorted.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Put the finishing touches to something you have been working on for months, maybe even years. It's GOT to be ready in time for the solar eclipse on the 11th.

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